

## THE NEW PARTY FORMED.

THE PEOPLE IN CONVENTION.

A Long Session Held in Sanger Hall—A Platform Adopted and Delegates Elected to the National Convention.

The State Convention at the People's party met at Sanger Hall last evening. The call was issued for 8 o'clock, but it was nearly 9 o'clock before the meeting was opened. There were about 200 delegates present when Captain Edmund R. Coeke, of Cumberland county, announced that he had been designated by the State central committee to call the convention to order. After the call for the convention had been read by Secretary C. N. Pierson, prayer was offered by Professor Morton, of Blacksburg College.

On motion of Mr. Pierson, Mr. J. J. Silvey was elected temporary secretary of the convention.

The following committees were appointed:

Committee on Credentials—B. B. Turner, Carter, Harrison, J. W. Barnett, Dabney Hordy, F. A. Watson.

Committee on Permanent Organization and Order of Business—Colonel J. Thomas Goode, Mr. Ralph, Dr. E. M. Sneed, J. M. Novell, T. J. Edwards.

While the committees were deliberating among themselves brief addresses were made by Colonel Beverly, who was introduced as the old war-horse of the party, and his son, Mr. J. B. Beverly, of Fanquier, who for some time has been one of the leaders of the Farmers' Alliance in this State.

## COMMITTEES' REPORTS.

The report of the committee on credentials was then adopted, which showed the presence of seventy-seven delegates.

A motion coming from that committee was then adopted, providing that each county represented be entitled to one vote, provided that any delegate chosen in district convention represent the whole district or as many counties as participated in his election.

The committee on permanent organization and order of business recommended General James G. Field as permanent chairman and Mr. J. Silvey as permanent secretary. The committee also recommended that each district delegation nominate a temporary district chairman, a district elector and district delegate to Omaha. They also recommended that Cushing's Manual govern the parliamentary procedure of the convention.

## PERMANENT CHAIRMAN.

The report was adopted, and General Field, who then took the chair, made a lengthy address, wherein he endeavored to show that all properties are entitled to equal rights and should not be subjected to favoritism.

He spoke of the difficulty of securing a living up old precedents, which, however, became necessary occasionally. He thought that the handwriting of the people was upon the wall, that the two great political parties had been weighed and found wanting. He designated the ticket nominated at Minneapolis as Republican ticket No. 1, headed by Benjamin Harrison, and that nominated at Chicago as the Republican ticket No. 2, headed by Grover Cleveland. The convention at Omaha on July 4th was going to give a Democratic ticket which would be elected if its followers would stand together in unity. He admonished his hearers not to waste their powder in firing blank cartridges, but to only use it with shot in front of it. He thought the time of political hypocrisy should come to an end. The Republican party and the so-called Democratic party were nothing but organized hypocrisy.

Colonel J. Thomas Goode, member of the House of Delegates from Mecklenburg county, was next called for, who briefly addressed the delegates that he would be always true to his cause.

## STATE ORGANIZATION.

On motion of Mr. Pierson a committee on State organization was appointed, consisting of Messrs. C. H. Pierson, W. F. Jackson, T. J. Arnold, T. A. Eppes, T. S. Jones, R. T. Blane.

The following committee on platform and resolutions was next appointed: J. H. Hobson, T. Y. Allen, J. H. Robertson, R. T. Vaughan, John G. Herndon and W. F. Morton.

The committee on State organization, after a little while, submitted its report recommending that a State central committee of twenty be elected, and congressmen and senators be authorized to nominate two, and state secretaries to elect its chairman, and a secretary, also an executive committee of five, the latter body to be empowered with authority to conduct campaigns.

Mr. Turner next offered a resolution providing that instead of sending four delegates from each district only one be sent to Omaha, and that his expenses be paid by the district organization. Colonel Beverly offered a substitute providing that four delegates from each district be sent, and that the district secretaries be instructed to solicit contributions to defray the expense. The resolution as well as the substitute was defeated.

## THE DELEGATES.

The following delegates to the Omaha Convention, electors, etc., were elected:

First District—Delegates: C. H. Pierson, R. T. Blane, J. M. Sneed; Robert Beverly, Elector; J. H. C. Beeler, District Chairman; R. T. Blane, Central Committee; J. W. Pitts and C. H. Pierson.

Second District—Delegates: A. O. Baum, R. T. Barnes, P. F. Baker, H. G. Collier, Elector; Dr. P. F. J. Miller, J. M. Savage.

Third District—Delegates: W. E. Green, Thomas Goocorett, J. M. Duryal, G. C. Wood, Elector; R. H. Nelson, Central Committee; Julian M. Ruffin, H. Adolph Muller, District Chairman; H. Adolph Muller.

Fourth District—Delegates: J. Thomas Goode, T. H. Hobson, J. D. Owens, W. F. Jackson, W. H. Warwick, J. G. Allen, Elector; Carter H. Harrison, Central Committee; T. A. Eppes, J. K. Morton, District Chairman; J. H. Hobson.

Fifth District—Delegates: Randolph Dickinson, F. P. Spangler, W. A. J. Finney, D. A. Cooper, Elector; G. W. B. Hale, District Chairman; John A. Bernard, of Rocky Mount, District Secretary; James Sutherlin, of Union Hall.

Sixth District—Delegates: J. W. Bonnett, Dr. Evans, W. B. Watkins, W. F. Willard, Elector; Thomas E. Cobb, Central Committee; C. F. Hunt, Judge; J. L. Annes, District Chairman; Thomas C. Cobb.

Seventh District—Delegates: M. L. P. Reed, Dr. J. A. Brumback, W. A. Hill, H. K. Hawlings, Alternates: J. W. Porter, J. J. Silvey, Mac Prindy and John Lewis, Elector; R. H. Hawlings, District Chairman.

Eighth District—Delegates: B. B. Turner, Albert Chamblain, Frank Hume, Frank Cowherd, Elector; R. O. Halsey, District Chairman; H. A. Smith, J. M. Rawlings, District Chairman; B. B. Turner.

Ninth District—Delegates: L. Green, F. F. Repass, W. H. Blackford, Sam New Berry, Elector; L. Gunn, Central Committee; F. Copenhafer, William Farrar, District Chairman; F. F. Repass, District Secretary; E. A. Treanor.

Tenth District—Delegates: S. H. Robertson, C. A. Watson, Simon Wood, J. M. Norvell, Elector; Langdon C. Moseley, District Chairman; Dr. D. Mott Robertson, Central Committee; Lewis E. Wood, C. B. Bloston.

Delegates at large: General James G. Field, Colonel J. Thomas Goode, Captain E. R. Coeke, Jr., Brad Beverly, J. Haskins Hobson, J. J. Silvey, G. W. Cowan, Electors at large: Colonel Robert Beverly, Robert Snavely.

## THE PLATFOM.

The committee on platform and resolutions presented the following:

We reassert the Bill of Rights, the first and last expression of the rights of a free people. We note from it: "That no free Government or the blessing liberty can be preserved to any nation but by a firm adherence to justice, of moderation, temperance, frugality and virtue, and by a frequent recurrence to fundamental principles." All power is vested in us and consequently derived from us the people. That government is instituted for the common protection and security of the people. That no man or set of men are entitled to exclusive or separate emoluments or privileges from the community.

Believing as we do that the platform of the Industrial Conference held at St. Louis on February 22, 1892, embodies the determinations of the Virginia Bill of Rights, we adopt the said platform which reads as follows:

In order to restrain the extortions of avaricious capital, to draw the middle-classes of the temple to a perfect and just establishment of justice, insure domestic tranquility for ourselves and our posterity we do ordain and establish the following platform of principles:

We declare the union of the labor forces of the United States this day accomplished ver-

ment and perpetual. May its spirit enter into all hearts for the salvation of the republic and the uplifting of mankind.

Wealth belongs to him who created it. Every dollar taken from industry without an equivalent is robbery. If any one will not work, neither shall he eat. The interests of rural and urban labor are the same, their enemies are identical.

## FINANCIAL.

First—We demand a national currency, safe, sound and flexible issued by the general government only, a full legal tender for all debts, public and private; and that without the use of banking corporations, just, equitable and sufficient means of distributing it, so that the people at any time may not exceed 5 per cent be provided, to meet the sub-treasury plan of the Farmers' Alliance, or some other better system; also, payments in discharge of its obligations for public improvements.

a. We demand free and unlimited coinage of silver.

b. We demand that the amount of circulating medium be speedily increased to not less than \$20 per capita.

c. We demand a graduated income tax.

d. We believe that the money of the country should be kept as much as possible in the hands of the people and that the demand all national debts should be limited to the necessary expenses of the government economically and honestly administered.

e. We demand that postal savings banks be established by the Government for the safe deposit of the earnings of the people and to facilitate exchange.

## LAND.

Second—The land, including all the natural resources, is the heritage of all the people and should not be monopolized for speculative purposes, and alien ownership of land should be prohibited. All land now held by railroads and other corporations in excess of their actual needs, and all land now owned by aliens, should be reclaimed by the Government and held for actual settlers only.

## TRANSPORTATION.

Third—Transportation being a means of exchange and of public necessity, the Government should own and operate the railroads in the interest of the people.

a. The telegraph and telephone, like the post office system, becomes a means for communication and should be owned and operated by the Government in the interest of the people.

III. We declare for honest elections, the great bulwark of American liberty, that the will of the people may be expressed uncontested by vicious partisans, lawless politicians or by any other means, or by the influence of the money power, and we call upon any freeman to use all lawful and just means to prevent fraud, deceit and abuse in conducting elections.

The report was adopted.

After the transaction of a considerable amount of routine business the convention adjourned sine die.

The State central committee met at Ford's Hotel at the close of the convention for organization and elected the following officers:

Chairman, C. M. Pierson.

Secretary and treasurer, J. J. Silvey.

Executive committee, J. H. Morton, H. A. Muller, C. A. Watson, T. A. Eppes, Dr. P. F. J. Miller.

## THE WORLD'S FAIR.

Richmond Ladies Making a Big Effort for a Good Display.

Mrs. John S. Wise has been in the city for several days and just as busy as can be.

Mr. F. F. Cansey, of Hampton, made a neat speech in presenting the "Woods" and "Steel" medal, for excellence in reading.

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For excellence in physical development there are two medals, the first having been awarded to Mr. R. W. Wellingham, Jr., of Memphis, Tenn., and the second to Mr. Charles Clement, of Campbell county, Va.

The physical department has been under the direction of Mr. C. T. Taylor, who has made it more efficient and popular than ever before.

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## HARD EARNED HONORS.

## THE LAURELS WON AT THE COLLEGE.

The Session Closed With Interesting Exercises—Many Diplomas, Medals and Distinctions Were Awarded.

Next to the interest always felt in the "sweet girl graduate" is that manifested in the young man who takes his diploma. The large number graduating from Richmond College brought out an immense crowd of interested parents, brothers, sisters, friends and sweethearts last night to enjoy with them the honors so recently won.

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The degree was granted all appeared on the rostrum in full-dress suits.

## MEDALISTS.

The medalists were as follows: "Tanner medal" for most proficient graduate in the school of Greek, Mr. Herbert W. Provence, of Monticello, Fla.

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## GRADUATES.

School of Latin, Intermediate Class—Lorimer Jones, B. A. Jacobs, Jr., Shreveport, La.; John W. Herrell, Cumberland county, Va.; William S. Stahl, Culpeper county, Va.; Intermediate Class—R. Hugh Bagby, Chesterfield county, Va.; N. Stuart Bowe, Richmond, Va.; Charles M. Campbell, Campbell county, Va.; G. H. Harris, Richmond, Va.; Jacob D. Hart, Washington county, Va.; Edward D. Quares, Petersburg, Va.; Henry W. Hedwood, Asheville, N.C.; Thomas Temple, Prince George county, Va.; Sam J. Young, Manchester, Va.

School of Philosophy, Junior Class—Samuel C. Anderson, Norfolk, Va.; Thomas Gresham, Charlotte county, N.C.; William C. Keefe, Norfolk, Va.; Intermediate Class—William L. Hayes, Petersburg, Va.; Edmund C. Laird, Atlanta, Ga.

School of Physics, Junior Class—Roger W. Harrison, Richmond, Va.; Warren H. Mercer, Richmond, Va.; John C. Patterson, Richmond, Va.; Intermediate Class—James E. Hixson, Mount Airy, N.C.

School of Expression—George T. Harris, Richmond, Va.; James C. Trumbo, Roanoke, Va.; School of Expression—George T. Harris, Richmond, Va.; James C. Trumbo, Roanoke, Va.; C. C. Crittenden, Burkeville, Va.

School of Great History—William D. Parkes, Jr., Halifax, Va.; Walter L. Britt, Bertie county, N.C.; Horace C. Carrington, Loudoun county, Va.; Edward F. Hammill, Loudoun county, Va.; Ernest F. Hammill, Loudoun county, Va.; John C. Crittenden, Burkeville, Va.

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School of Mathematics, Junior Class—Samuel C. Anderson, Norfolk, Va.; Ernest P. Van Dusen, Tennessee.

School of Greek—J. M. T. Childrey, Richmond, Va.; Harry C. Burnett, Jr., Richmond, Va.; C. C. Crittenden, Burkeville, Va.; Edward F. Hammill, Loudoun county, Va.; Frank W. Hamilton, King and Queen county, Va.; George H. Hamlin, King and Queen county, Va.; John C. Crittenden, Burkeville, Va.; Samuel C. Anderson, Norfolk, Va.; Ernest P. Van Dusen, Tennessee.

School of Modern Languages—Frank W. Duke, Nansemond county, Va.; C. W. Duke, Nansemond county, Va.; Ernest P. Van Dusen, Tennessee.

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